

and day in the interests of the public safety and morals, and in the performance of official obligations to see that the laws are carried out.

### ALWAYS ON FIRING LINE.

"The Police Department in any city administration is always in the center of the firing line, inviting the most vigorous attacks of the opposition and a prominent target for criticism, just or otherwise. Personally, I am willing to bear criticism which I know to be fair and unselfish, and am only too glad to profit by it. I am only too fully aware of how liable I am to err, but when I am convinced of my error no one is quicker to make confession of it and undo the results.

"I have up to this time refused to give expression to personal opinion on the excise and Rainsford hotel laws. As this office is peculiarly charged with their enforcement, I do not think it proper that I should either criticize or praise them. As my critics have assumed all the virtues and claimed to be acting solely for the public good and from the highest motives they force me to claim for myself an equal virtue. I have no personal or political ambitions to preserve, I am not a candidate, nor do I expect to receive advancement to any other office in the public gift.

"I entered this office with my eyes wide open and knew it to be the political graveyard of any ambitious man.

### IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

"I believe it to be quite impossible for a man to honestly and fearlessly administer the exacting duties of this position without making a multitude of enemies for the favors that he must deny, in the interests he must antagonize, in the lawbreakers whom he must put down, and the chronic opposition of those self-constituted censors, organized and otherwise, of the public morals, whose fads he cannot adopt, whose panaceas he must recognize as quackery, whose personal ambitions he cannot join in advancing, who, when honest, are often impracticable, and, when dishonest, cunning, insincere and malignant.

"As between these contending forces I am simply in the middle of the road and there I purpose to remain and make my way as long as I remain here. This is not the place to settle the excise or other questions of a kindred nature.

"This is Police Headquarters, not political headquarters. Denial by me of the reckless charges emanating from the people would only lead to a useless war of words, affirmations on one side and denials on the other."

## DOES NOT RECALL HE WAS MARRIED

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Before the Lexow Committee and I did appear and testified. But it's an outrage to say that I ran the House of All Nations."

This is the statement that Mrs. Desplines put in affidavit form for the District Attorney:

"I am the friend and companion of Mrs. Duke. She met Mr. Duke first through an advertisement which had been inserted in a Western newspaper for some one to assist in a tobacco deal. She was a rich woman then and owned tobacco lands in Texas. At the very second meeting between Mr. Duke and Miss Webb Mr. Duke told her he was very fond of her and that he had always wanted to marry a woman with business ability. He said to her:

### THIS IS HOW HE "POPPED."

"I like your methods, little girl, and I want you to marry me."

"She replied: 'You are a member of a prominent family and your relatives would surely object to such a marriage.'

"Duke then said he was free to marry whom he liked and that no member of his family would dare to question his conduct. He said he would have her in spite of the world, that he wanted her worse than he had ever wanted a woman in his life, and that she must marry him.

"So she married him. That's all there is to it, save that a more loving couple never lived."

Mrs. Desplines didn't see the Duke until the Grand Jury. She was allowed to go on her pledge to return on Jan. 12, at which time Mrs. Duke will be able to appear.

Mrs. Duke and Mrs. Desplines are living at the Hotel Winton, under the name of "Mrs. M. G. Golden and sister." August Banermeister, proprietor of the hotel, said that he knew who his guests were, but that they had registered under fictitious names, and that he didn't mind. The couple have rooms Nos. 15 and 16.

In spite of the fact that Dr. Sturm says Mrs. Duke is not well enough to appear before the District Attorney, she was well enough to leave the hotel to-day. She went to the One Hundred and Tenth street station of the subway in a carriage and then downtown with a man whom she met in the station. Four of the District Attorney's detectives have taken a room at the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, directly opposite the hotel Winton, and they are keeping their eyes on Mrs. Duke and her friend, Mrs. Desplines.

From a friend of the Duke family, whose name cannot be mentioned, the Evening World learned to-day of the events which led up to the radical action which the family took when they forced Brodie Duke from his wife's side and sent him to an asylum. In the first place, Brodie L. Duke is not a brother, but a half-brother of Benjamin N. and James B. Duke. When the American Tobacco Company was formed the three brothers had equal shares in the Duke holdings.

HE HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT ERRATIC. Brodie L. Duke for forty years has been somewhat erratic. He did not lack brains, but was careless and convivial. In his conservative periods he was a careful business man of considerable ability.

After Brodie Duke got out of the American Tobacco Company he speculated heavily, losing most of his large fortune. What little is left of Brodie Duke's fortune consists of a small equity in a quarter of a million dollars' worth of real estate, which is heavily mortgaged, and stock in a number of small tobacco companies in Durham.

The first that the family knew of Brodie's connection with the present Mrs. Duke was in October last, when he appeared in Durham, N. C., with a woman who answers her description. Duke took the woman with him to his home there, but did not go inside. He and the woman left for New York the following day.

THE FAMILY BEGAN INVESTIGATION. It was a week ago that the peculiar conditions leading to the marriage were investigated by the family. Nicolai, Anable & Lindsay were employed and they put detectives on the case. Last Wednesday night a member of the Duke family who lives out of town arrived in the city and went to the Hoffman House. He hadn't been in the room very long when the telephone rang. He took up the receiver and a woman's voice said:

"This is your new sister-in-law. I called up to tell you that I have married your brother Brodie and that we are very happy."

The member of the family at the Hoffman House said that if this was true he was glad they were happy, but had no comment to make on the situation.

"Well," said the woman's voice, "I want you to know that we are very happy. Mr. Duke is here and wants to tell you so himself."

Mr. Brodie Duke then came to the telephone and was asked by his relative if it was true he was married.

"Yes," came the response; "this little Texas girl has got me, and got me good."

"Are you satisfied?" was asked.

"I don't know whether I am or not," was the response.

There was a break in the talk at this point, and the man at the Hoffman House could hear two women talking to Brodie Duke. Then Mr. Duke called through the telephone:

"Yes, it's all right. I'm satisfied."

That ended the talk.

Shortly after the marriage Duke went to Durham, so the detectives on the case learned, and friends who saw him there say he was in a dazed condition. He tried to wind up his affairs in that place and when he left, he took a lot of stock with him and arranged to have \$100,000 worth of stock he owns in local corporations sent to this city. The detectives also learned that Duke and the two women went to a number of downtown banks with stock and tried to raise money on it, but were not successful.

When the detectives had completed their case it was decided to take vigorous action, and the District Attorney's office was called into the matter. The entire story was told to Mr. Lord and Mr. Perkins and the former then went before Justice Wyatt and got the commitment order

## GREAT RUSH TO GET MONEY INTO SAVINGS BANKS

Number of Depositors at Larger Institutions Breaks Record.

IN LINE FOR HOURS

4,000 Depositors a Day at Banks Which Last Year Paid Best Interest.

An unprecedented rush to deposit money in the larger savings banks has been taking place every day since Jan. 1, this being especially noticeable at the Bowery Savings Bank and the Immigrant Savings Bank.

William H. R. Wood, President of the Bowery Savings Bank, Bowery and Grand street, in explaining the rush to-day, said an average of from 3,000 to 4,000 people are depositing money daily. The main reason for the sudden rush is that some of the savings banks declared a 4 per cent. dividend at the end of the year, and a great many people are under the impression that this applies to the ensuing six months. So they are rushing to get their deposits in by Jan. 10, thinking they will reap the benefit of a 4 per cent. dividend, which has already been declared. No savings bank is allowed to give a positive rate of interest in advance, and the rate cannot be forecast.

For the year prior to the 4 per cent. dividend the rate was 3 1/2 per cent. Under the law deposits made on or before Jan. 10 are included in the interest accruing in the first quarter. Those

made after that during the first quarter do not begin to draw interest until April 1. Consequently another reason for the rush is that the depositors who have put off until the last minute wish to take advantage of this law.

President Wood, in looking at the crowd of prospective depositors, said: "This looks like prosperity, doesn't it?"

which was afterward served on Duke. The detectives who went to the Park Avenue Hotel after Duke have made affidavit that he was helplessly drunk when they took him away.

The Rev. W. W. Coe, of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, married Duke and Miss Webb on Dec. 19. He says the party came to the church in a carriage and seemed in excellent spirits. There was nothing wrong with Mr. Duke at the time, he says, and nothing to indicate that he didn't appreciate the importance of the step he was taking.

### HER LAWYER STEPS OUT.

Lawyer George H. Mallory, who represented Miss Webb in some of her tobacco litigation before she was Mrs. Duke and who last night closed the door of his house to her, made this statement to-day:

"I have nothing whatever to say against Mrs. Duke, but I refuse to have anything to do with this Duke case. I represented her in some commercial matters only. I undertook to close the Texas tobacco land deal, and that is the only connection I had with her. I have not seen her or communicated with her since this last trouble came up, and I have no desire to get mixed up in a case so sensational as this one. Mrs. Duke was always a perfect lady in her dealing with me."

Mallory went to the District Attorney's Office to-day and asked if he was wanted in connection with the Duke case. He was told that he was not.

The affidavit on which the commitment of Duke was secured was made by Charles G. Milch, of No. 212 St. Nicholas avenue. Mr. Milch says in this affidavit that on Jan. 4, 5 and 6, Duke was at the Park Avenue Hotel and that he was under the constant influence of liquor, that he behaved in a stupid, "dopey" manner and that his condition was abnormal. Milch goes on to state that he believes that Duke's senses are disordered and that he is unfit to be at large. He asks that Duke be committed to Bellevue.

### SAYS DUKE WAS HEAVILY DRUGGED

E. F. Osbaldeston, masseur, of No. 7 West Sixty-third street, made several affidavits on the case to-day for the District Attorney. He says: "On the night of Dec. 9 Mrs. Desplines came to my house and woke me up. She said, 'I have a patient for you and there is \$10 in it.'"

"Mrs. Desplines took me to the Hotel Winton. We had to enter by the Park Avenue side, and I was then taken to the third floor. Mrs. Desplines took me to room No. 12. In one of the inner rooms was a man and woman. 'There are your patients,' she said.

"I recognized the woman as Mrs. J. A. Powell. She was known to me as Alice and had lived formerly at No. 36 West Sixty-fourth street with a man named Powell. She said she was related to the Vanderbilts and Dr. Seward Webb. I told her she lied, and then she said: 'Well, I'm related to them, anyway.'"

### APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DRINKING.

"I gave massage treatment to Mrs. Desplines. Duke was the man who was in the room. His face was flushed and his heart was fluttering. His pulse was 48. His speech was incoherent, and I noticed the contraction due to heavy drinking."

"I immediately told Mrs. Desplines that Mr. Duke's condition was so serious that they had better call in a physician. I was subsequently informed that they had engaged Dr. Maurice A. Sturm, of No. 1629 Madison avenue. On my suggestion a nurse was employed by the doctor. He is George A. Ochsens, of No. 42 East One Hundred and Twelfth street.

"The nurse was to have received \$20 a week for his services, but on the advice of Dr. Sturm he put in a bill for \$30. On the first night I went there Mrs. Duke, who was then Alice Webb, was in the room with him. She said to me:

### HER DESCRIPTION OF DUKE.

"This is one of the famous Duke family. He is the power behind the throne. He is the one who made all the money for the other brothers, and I have just sold him all the tobacco in the State of Texas. After he gets well we are going from here to Richmond, and thence to Durham. We will go to Texas from Durham, and on our way back, stop a couple of months with friends in Chicago. We will return to New York after that, and engage you for four months."

"During all this time Mr. Duke was unable to talk, and during my subsequent visits I endeavored to talk with him, but he was not in a coherent condition.

"In my presence on the first night I was called in. Mrs. Desplines mixed a whitish fluid, like milk, with something that looked like whiskey. She poured this into Mr. Duke's mouth and at once he went off to sleep. On nearly every occasion when I visited the room she repeated this operation with the same results.

HE KNOWS MRS. DESPLINES. "No one was allowed to go into the room unless they passed through Mrs. Desplines's room. I have known this woman for years. She is the woman who went to Sheephead Bay with a well-known man of this city, a barber and her friend, Mrs. Sarah Holland, now at No. 20 West Sixty-eighth street. The well-known man I speak of was taken from the house where this woman took him to a sanatorium, his mind a total wreck."

"On the night of the first visit I examined Duke's chest and discovered the pain that he had was due to the administration of drugs. I examined him after the marriage on the nights of Dec. 30 and 31 and gave him two treatments. When I saw what they were doing with him—there are six men and women in the conspiracy—I went to the Duke family and told them."

DR. STURM'S STORY.

## UP-TO-DATE BANKING.

By T. E. Powers.



Looks as if somebody had money. The crowd to-day was about 75 per cent. women. They were nearly all well dressed, some arriving in carriages. They filled the main floors of the building and the six special officers of the bank were reinforced by Patrolmen Dorn and McDonough, of the Mulberry street station, and the eight men had a hard time keeping the lines formed.

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## FOLK WARNS AS HE TAKES OFFICE

Missouri's Reform Governor Declares for a Clean Government at Inauguration—Bryan Talks of Roosevelt.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 9.—Joseph W. Folk was to-day inaugurated Governor of Missouri. The ceremonies took place in the House of Representatives. Gov.-elect Folk and Lieut.-Gov.-elect McKimley met Gov. Dockery and the other State officials in the Governor's office, and headed by the Committee on Arrangements, marched to the hall.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Brice, of the Supreme Court.

Gov. Folk then delivered his inaugural address, in which he dwelt largely on legislative corruption and speaking for a thoroughly clean government.

In this connection he said: "An official can emphasize public power as well as public money. One in public office has no more right to use official powers for personal ends than he would have to put his hands into the public treasury to pay a private debt."

"In order to aid in the investigation of rumors of corruption laws should be enacted compelling witnesses to testify as to their knowledge of bribery transactions and exempting such witnesses from prosecution for any matters directly or indirectly growing out of such testimony."